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In re Application of:)
Kunio SHIOTA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1631
Application No.: 09/881,748) Examiner: John S. Brusca
Filed: June 18, 2001)))Mail Stop AF
For: METHOD OF IDENTIFYING CELLS USING DNA METHYLATION PATTERNS))))
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Sir:

PETITION FOR TWO (2) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 24, 2003. A fee of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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